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ALLIES CLAIM TO HAVE ADVANTAGE

FRENCH AND ENGLISH GAIN ALL ALONG THEIR FRONT

COMMANDER OF GERMAN FORCE IN FLANDERS FINDS HE CANNOT CARRY OUT ORDERS OF THE KAISER

Paris, Dec. 15.—During the past forty-eight hours the French troops have been bearing the brunt of the fighting at both ends of the 300-mile battle front stretching over Belgian, French and German soil. Further progress has been made at a number of points, according to the official dispatches received from the front, and many German prisoners have been taken.

HAS HIS HANDS FULL

General Von Beimling, who was instructed by the kaiser with the special task of breaking the English line at Ypres, now has his hands full to keep his own lines intact under the alternate attacks of the French and British.

VICTORIES FOR ALLIES IN FLANDERS AND THE VOSGES

Paris, Dec. 15 (Official).—This afternoon the British, after sharp fighting lasting several days, captured a small forest in West Wytschaete, sheltering a German artillery force.

The French have gained ground west of Hollebeke and hold it, despite the vigorous counter attacks by the Germans.

The French made progress in the Argonne and hold their ground in the Vosges.

CAST AWAY ON THE PORTUGUESE COAST

British and Dutch Steamers Wrecked Near Oporto

Lisbon, Dec. 15.—The British steamer Silurian and a Dutch Royal Mail steamer have been wrecked near Oporto, according to a wireless message received here today. Thirty-four of the Dutch ship's crew were drowned.

ASSURANCE GIVEN ITALY

By Turkey that the Hodeida Incident Will be Investigated

Rome, Dec. 15.—The Turkish charge today assured the Italian government that Turkey would make a satisfactory explanation of the recent attacks on the Italian consulate at Hodeida.

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

Merchant's Cafe, A. C. L. depot corner. Meals a la carte and lunches at any hour.—Adv.

Velocipedes at Fishel's. 11-2t

COLD WAVE COVERS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY

FRIGID WEATHER PREVAILS FROM THE NORTH POLE TO CENTRAL FLORIDA

Chicago, Dec. 15.—A cold wave covers practically the whole country today with no prospects of abatement before Thursday. The low temperatures reported are: Twenty below at Winnipeg, Devil's Lake, 14 below; Duluth, zero and below. The extreme cold extended to south and middle Tennessee, with four to seven below in the middle states. At Charleston and Birmingham it was ten above this morning; New York, 12 above. Two persons were frozen to death in Philadelphia last night. The government weather bureau forecasts freezing temperatures tonight in northern Florida and near freezing in central Florida.

SUNNY SOUTH IS IN A SHIVER

Atlanta, Dec. 15.—It was 11 above zero this morning, the coldest weather of the winter; air is clear and crisp. There was considerable suffering among the destitute. Six above at Chattanooga and zero in the mountains.

POSTOFFICE IS PAYING

Under Democratic Rule, Department is Self Sustaining for the First Time in Its Existence

Washington, Dec. 15.—Asserting that for the first time since its organization by Benjamin Franklin, the postoffice department is on a self-sustaining basis, Postmaster General Burleson has submitted to President Wilson his annual report. It records enormous growth in the department's business because of the parcel post and postal savings bank divisions and recommends a program of postal legislation to increase the scope of the department's activities.

Mr. Burleson features his report with an estimate that a surplus of \$3,569,545, the second of his administration, will be shown for the fiscal year of 1914 when all claims and charges have been met. On that showing he bases his declaration that the department "has been securely placed upon a self-sustaining basis."

GOOD GUN

American Navy Has a Cannon Specially Adapted for Defense Against Aircraft

Washington, Dec. 15.—The navy anti-aircraft gun has been shown by tests to be amply competent to deal with aircraft, according to a report to the House naval committee by Rear Admiral Straus, chief of the bureau of ordnance.

A COWARDLY RUFFIAN

Memphis, Dec. 15.—Using his wife as a shield, William Tripp escaped injury when his nine-year-old niece, whom he was beating with a poker, seized a gun and fired. Mrs. Tripp was killed. The family lived a few miles out of Memphis on a plantation.

TURKS BATTLE WITH TYPHOID

DISEASE THREATENS THEIR ARMY WHICH IS ASSEMBLING AT DAMASCUS

Alexandria, Dec. 15.—Thousands of refugees from Syria are arriving here in flight from the outrages threatened by the Turks against Christians. They state that an epidemic of typhoid and smallpox has broken out at Damascus among the Ottoman army concentrated there.

HOBSON AMENDMENT BEFORE THE HOUSE

IT HAS MANY VOTES BUT PROBABLY NOT ENOUGH

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Hobson resolution for national prohibition will command a majority of votes in the House of Representatives, according to a poll of the members, but unless there is a change in sentiment by Dec. 22nd it will fail to get the necessary two-thirds to send it to the Senate.

PERRY COLSON AND BOB DAVIS GET THE PLUMS

Gainesville Men Rake Down the Land Office Jobs

Washington, Dec. 15.—The appointment of Perry Colson, one of the leading aspirants for appointment to the office of receiver of the Florida land office at Gainesville, was agreed on here yesterday. The appointment of Col. R. W. Davis as register of the land office was also agreed on. Both are from Gainesville.

CLARK'S OPINION OF WILSON'S MESSAGE

Washington, Dec. 15.—"That message will re-elect Woodrow Wilson as president of the United States," Representative Frank Clark of Florida, was the speaker and he assumed the role of prophet when President Wilson concluded reading his annual message to Congress at the opening of the session.

"It is an epoch-making state paper," said Mr. Clark, "and if he had done nothing else to perpetuate his name that message would assure him a place in history as one of our greatest presidents."

RUSSIANS MET A SEVERE REPULSE

AUSTRIANS DROVE THEM AS FAR ALLEN-THAL

SENDING HEAVY FORCES TO MEET INVASION OF GALICIA CAUSED AUSTRIAN REVERSES IN SERBIA

Vienna, Dec. 15.—The Russian forces that tried to reach Cracow from the southeast have been driven back nearly fifty miles, according to an official statement issued here today, saying the Russians have been pursued as far as the plain of Allen-thal, the Austrians taking many prisoners and inflicting heavy losses in killed and wounded.

The recent reverses to the Austrians in Serbia is attributed to the withdrawal of troops from the war zone there to enforce the western Galicia forces. The offensive will be resumed in Serbia as soon as the Galician campaign is decided.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Following are the appointments for next year of the Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church South which has just closed its 1914 meeting in Tampa:

F. R. Bridges, presiding elder; Brooksville, A. M. Daiger; Brooksville circuit; S. J. Young; Bushnell and Center Hill, T. E. York; Clearwater, J. L. Moon; Coleman, H. Hice; Dade City, L. W. Moore; Dunnellon, J. D. Major; Alfers to be supplied; Safety Harbor, J. E. Lewis; Gulfport, A. M. Mann; Homosassa circuit, H. B. Block; Inverness, W. R. Lord; Largo, M. O. Williams; Ocala, J. M. Gross; Plant City, R. F. Hodnett; St. Petersburg, W. F. Dunkle; Sutherland, J. L. Kilgore; Tarpon Springs, T. W. Tompkins; Trilby, G. P. Penny; Student's Training School, W. C. Fountain.

A pretty line of manicure sets trimmed in Persian ivory, sterling silver and pearl, with leather retainers. Just the thing for a useful Christmas present. The Court Pharmacy. 8-tf

An elegant line of Secret Society emblem pins and buttons just arrived for the holiday trade; all lodges represented in the line. J. C. Smith, the Jeweler. 4-6t.

Have you tried the dining room at the Ocala House? You'll never know how good it is till you do so. 23-tf

Mechanical toys at Fishel's. 11-2t

Have you tried one of those Jim fizes at Johnny's Place? 12-tf

It will be to your interest to see my supply of Bracelets, Lavelliers and Watches for holiday gifts. J. C. Smith, the Jeweler. 4-6t.

We sell candy with a quality that your friends will appreciate. Gerig's Drug Store. 14-tf

ATLANTA HAS MUCH EXCITEMENT

PROMINENT LAWYER KILLED BY A BURGLAR, BIG BLAZE AND A FIREMAN INJURED

Atlanta, Dec. 15.—Charles Reynolds, fifty-three years of age, a prominent Atlanta attorney, was killed in a revolver fight with a burglar at his residence on Ponce de Leon Place this morning. The burglar made his escape after the shooting.

BIG FIRE IN BUSINESS CENTER

The Eliza Austell Store and the Tripod Paint and Harbour Oil stores at the corner of Edgewood and Pryor streets, were burned this morning. The loss will reach \$75,000. Fireman Berryman was hurt.

CHARITY BALL AND CARD PARTY

A charity ball and card party for the benefit of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Marion County Hospital Association will be given this evening, at the Ocala House. Music by the Temple orchestra.

The admission fee, twenty-five cents, includes dancing and card playing privileges. A buffet lunch will be served during the evening for which a charge of twenty-five cents will be made.

This will give our people an opportunity to pass a pleasant social evening together and at the same time aid a worthy cause. 12-3t

GET YOUR CHRISTMAS FRUITS FROM ARDEN

Specialty packed Christmas boxes of Parson Brown or pineapple oranges, grapefruit, tangerines and kumquats, wrapped in special Christmas papers, topped with holly sprays, \$2.50. Specially prepared baskets of mixed fruits attractively arranged for individual gifts in holly and frosted cedar trimmings from 50 cents up. Phone your orders at earliest convenience to 106, for the most delicious of Marion county fruits. 9-tf.

The best service and most reasonable prices obtain at the new dining room of the Ocala House. 23-tf

WE MAKE A SPECIALTY OF
HIGH CLASS TAILORING
FROM NOW ON PRICES WILL RANGE FROM \$25 AND UP

We will Cut and Design a Pattern for each Suit According to Your Figure. It will be Made in Ocala by B. SCHER. These Goods Will Be Strictly Guaranteed by the Woolen House; Each Yard of Cloth Will Be Stamped With a Guarantee o Be All Wool.

WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO MAKE THE \$15 SUITS AND OVERCOATS
Come on You Big, Fat Men, You 6 Feet Tall Boys, You Hard to Fit Fellows; We Can Fit You All.

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B. SCHER, MANAGER.

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